

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification is amended to reference copending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/000,796 from which the instant application claims priority under 37 C.F.R. §1.78. Further, as an initial matter, the claims are amended to avoid incurring any extra claim fees that might otherwise be due in connection with the filing of the instant Continuation Application. It is expected that a further Second Preliminary Amendment including further amendments to the claims will be filed prior to examination of the application. However, should the application be taken up for substantive examination prior to submission and entry of such planned Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned so that such revisions can be submitted.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 697.003CON/10025306 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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